

special mention. His commodious and handsome stable is situated in the center of the city. It is a new two story structure, with a frontage of 200 feet and extends back 180 feet. The interior is a veritable honey-comb of single stalls and box-stalls. Broad, clean halls lead to large doors in front side and rear. One hundred head of horses and mules can be easily accommodated.

As a Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, this ranks among the best in our State. During the summer season Mr. McGee devotes special attention to Livery. From ten to twelve stylish, but gentle horses, are selected for the purpose and each equipped with attractive harness.

Bright, new vehicles are set aside for this branch of the business, and at any time, night or day, one can get a handsome turnout. Telephone connects this stable with the Hotel Chiquola and various boarding houses and nearly every private residence in the city, and also with adjacent cities and towns.

Particular care and attention is given to boarding horses. They are properly fed, groomed and delivered to any part of the city.

During the winter and spring months this stable takes on an exceedingly lively aspect. Drove of mules and horses are constantly arriving, and the stable is filled daily with purchasers and admirers. Mr. McGee has every convenience to attract horse dealers and drovers, while Anderson is, perhaps, the best market for them in the upper part of the State.

Consignments of horses and mules are handled and liberal advances of money made on them. Freight charges are also advanced when requested. About 300 head of stock are handled in this way every season.

In connection with the stable is run a large Carriage and Buggy Repository, where all the modern styles of vehicle are exhibited and sold.

Mr. McGee has been a lover of horses all his life and takes an especial pride in keeping good stock and a clean, elegant stable. Several beautiful blooded animals can always be seen there; some of which have been bred from the fastest registered trotters and pacers.

Give Me. a call and you will find him genial and full of horse information and horse sense.

J. S. FOWLER.

The subject of this sketch, J. S. Fowler, is the pioneer horse and stable man of this entire section, notwithstanding he has just reached the meridian of life. His stables have, for twenty years, been the center of attraction to all those seeking farm, buggy and carriage animals, as well as to those who admire horses as flowers are admired—simply to look at. At no place can there be found grouped together more thoroughly good horses and mules than at these stables.

Judge S. Fowler was born on the 13th September, 1854, in Cherokee County, Ga., and received his education in the common schools of that State. He is closely related to some of the most prominent people of this State, and is a brother-in-law to Judge Joseph H. Earle, now circuit judge, who, in 1890, was a candidate for Governor in opposition to B. R. Tillman, and who is now the Democratic nominee for United States Senator.

In 1876 Mr. Fowler moved to Anderson and opened a Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, where from 350 to 400 head of horses and mules are sold yearly. His stables are very handsome, with a frontage of 80 feet and 210 feet deep. There is also an addition 60 by 80 feet, and these, together with the lots, cover about one acre of ground.

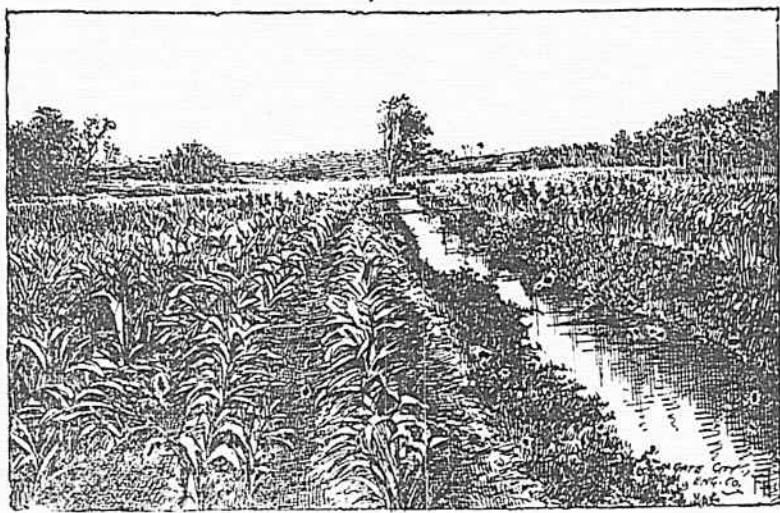
Consignments of stock are handled during the winter season and liberal advances made on them. In addition to the stable business, Mr. Fowler is one of the largest dealers in Wagons, Carriages, Buggies and Harness in the State. His stock in this line is enormous. For his vehicles he has a magnificent double story repository, 60 by 80 feet, situated a short distance from the stables. In the stables is a large salesroom, filled with buggies and harness and general equipments. In the rear of this is a commodious harness shop in charge of skilled workmen. The business done annually in these different lines amounts to \$200,000. The vehicles handled are from such leading manufacturers as the Studebaker Wagon Co., The Columbus Buggy Company, Columbus Carriage Manufacturing Co., Carolina Buggy Co., Watertown Spring Wagon Co., and Binghamton Wagon Co.

Mr. Fowler also owns and controls very large farming interests. Situated partly within the city, he has 100 acres, which is cultivated on the extensive farming system, and it is probably the finest farm in the State. The crops now growing upon it are simply magnificent. Six miles from Anderson he has 800 acres in one farm in a high state of cultivation. These farms are under his own personal management and require from 25 to 30 plows for their cultivation. The products are: 400 bales cotton, 3,000

bushels corn, 2,000 bushels oats and about 200 tons of hay.

Besides these farms, he controls 1700 acres of farm lands, rented to intelligent farmers and in a high state of cultivation. The growing crops at the present writing promise an unprecedented yield.

Mr. Fowler is one of the most prominent and energetic citizens of Anderson. He is one of the directors of the Anderson Cotton Mills, member of the Board of Trade, identified with most of the leading enterprises of the city, and by his generous, cour-

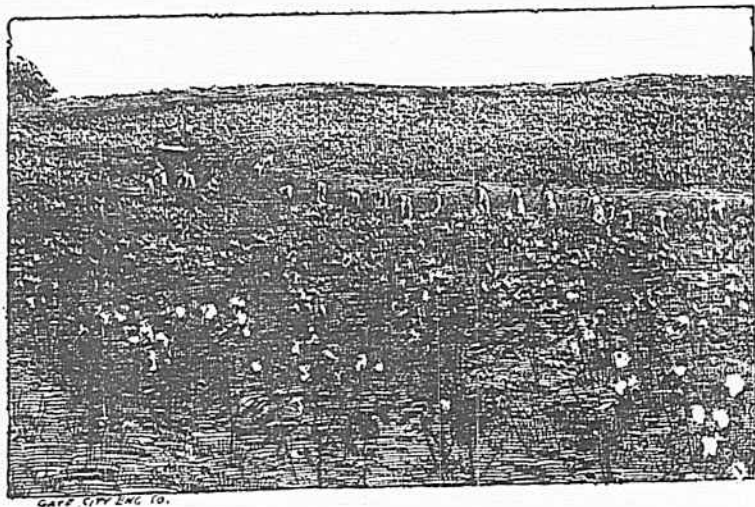


CORN FIELD. SIX WEEKS AFTER PLANTING—W. Q. HAMMOND'S FARM.

teous manner, has won many friends in this and surrounding counties.

BLECKLEY & FRETWELL.

The Mule Stable and the Wagon and Buggy Warehouse of Bleckley & Fretwell are a wonderful attraction to the farmers of Anderson county and the citizens of the town. The stable was designed by a distinguished architect. It is a two story frame structure, nicely painted, with metal roof, having a frontage of 100 feet and is 120 feet deep. This is, perhaps, the handsomest stable in the South. In the front and end there are two large and handsomely finished and furnished offices. Steps lead to the apartments above, where an elegant stock of harness is kept. Through the center of the stable a double row of stalls are arranged with broad hallways on either side of them; stalls also adorn the sides of the building inside, and running back about sixty feet, terminate against huge mule pens. From 100 to 150 mules can be sheltered here. In rear of the stables is a handsome brick warehouse 50 feet wide by 100 feet long, with metal roof, and it is filled with Farm Wagons, Carriages and Buggies. An enormous



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fire proof door cut in the side make it communicative with the stable. These gentlemen do not handle more than ten carloads of mules per season, but are the largest dealers in farm wagons in the State.

Their leading wagons are the "Tennessee," (which they have handled for 15 years) and "Old Hickory," made by the Kentucky Manufacturing Co., of Louisville, Ky., who are the largest manufacturers of farm wagons in the world.

Their leading buggies are made by the Tyson & Jones Buggy Co., at Carthage, N. C. Other well-known makes are handled by them. These vehicles are all sold under a twelve months guarantee, and it is a significant fact that their repair bill does not average 10c. per vehicle per annum. Messrs. Bleckley & Fretwell are also State Agents for the Wappoo Fertilizer Co., of Charleston, S. C., and their sales of these goods have increased yearly, until they have reached proportions in advance of many of the leading manufacturers of this State. Capt. C. C. Pinkney, Jr., is President and owner of this Company, and is also an extensive miner of phosphate rock. He owns the Magnolia mines, Horseshoe mines and controls the Farmers' Mining Co. The output of these mines is very large. Mining his own rock and manufacturing it into phosphate, Capt. Pinkney has a decided advantage over those who buy their rock upon the market. The firm of Bleckley & Fretwell is comparatively new. It

was established in 1887, but these gentlemen have been in business together for many years under other firm names. Mr. Sylvester Bleckley, the senior member, is a native of Georgia and a brother to Judge Logan Bleckley, of Atlanta, Ga. He moved to Anderson and engaged in the mercantile business in 1852, and by conscientious dealings, magnanimity and working (as he so often expresses it) four hundred days in the year, his reward has been greater than most men receive. In addition to the wealth he has accumulated, he has won the re-

spect and confidence of every person who knows him. It is painful to record the fact that he is now in feeble health.

Mr. Joseph J. Fretwell is a native of Anderson county. He began clerking for Mr. S. Bleckley more than 20 years ago. After four years of close attention to business, he was made a member of the firm, and shortly afterward married Miss Mamie Bleckley, the second daughter of Mr. Bleckley. Mr. Fretwell has shared with Mr. Bleckley in prosperity and owns some very valuable and handsome property. With such a business record as these gentlemen have made, it is not strange that they should enjoy the largest patronage, perhaps, in their several lines of trade.

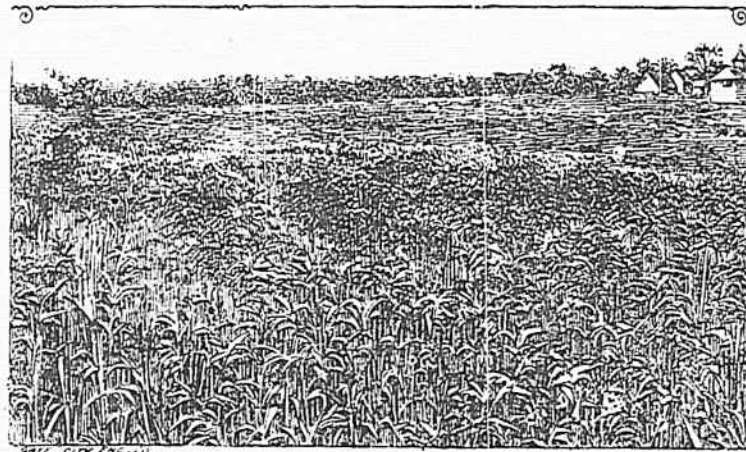
In addition to the above, Messrs. W. B. Magruder and J. J. Dobbins each own commodious stables, and conduct both a livery and sales business. They handle both mules and horses, and during the seasons sell a large number of head.

THE ANDERSON WATER, LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Not the least amongst the enterprises of our growing city, is the Anderson

from the head of Whitner's Creek, nearly a mile above the point where the Blue Ridge R. R. crosses that stream, and about a half a mile from its source. At the point where the water is taken from the Creek, a small gate is placed, which, when closed, diverts the whole flow through pipes into a reservoir, having a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons, being enough when full to supply the town for several days. In rainy weather, when the Creek becomes muddy, this gate is opened and the pipes to the reservoir closed, thus insuring clear water under all conditions of weather. All surface water which could by any possibility become contaminated is carried by ditches into the Creek below the point of supply for the water works, and great care is taken to see that they are kept open and in repair and the reservoir clean. This water was not long since subjected to a test by a skillful and eminent chemist and pronounced by him as absolutely pure free stone water.

From this upper reservoir the water is carried by gravity through a 10 inch cast iron pipe to a second and smaller reservoir at the pumping station, situated nearly a mile down the stream, and from thence is forced by the pumps into the standpipe for distribution throughout the city. On the main from the pumps to the standpipe, and near the latter, is placed a valve, by which means the standpipe can be cut off and the entire pressure from the pumps put directly on the mains. In this way the pressure can be very materially augmented in case of fire and the efficiency of the system greatly increased. One of the benefits ac-



FIELD OF GERMAN MILLET—J. S. FOWLER'S FARM.

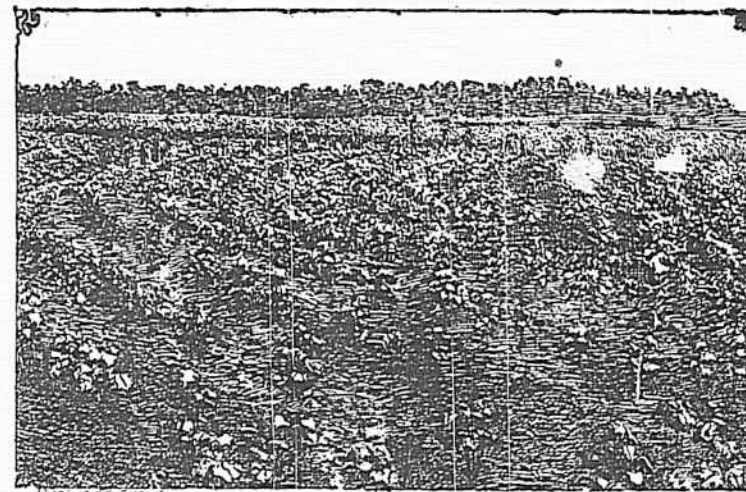
cruing to the town from the building of this plant has been the reduction of the insurance rates. The city having been before that on a 1½ per cent. basis and now being on a 1 per cent. basis, a saving of 20 per cent. No city in the interior now enjoys better insurance rates and few have as good.

The Company has in its station two pumps made by the Shotwell, Brice & Smith Vaile Company, each having a capacity of a million gallons daily—one of these is a compound duplex steam pump and the other a duplex power pump, driven by a 40-horse-power Electric Induction Motor. The Company maintains these two pumps that they may be ready for any emergency or accident that may happen to either. The steam pump receives its steam from the Company's boilers located in an adjacent room, whilst the induction motor receives current from the Company's power station at present situated at High Shoals on Rocky River.

The Company now has between twelve and thirteen miles of mains laid through the principal streets of the city, with eighty-four public hydrants located thereon and some 300 taps supplying private citizens. At the time of the construction of the Water Supply Plant, the City Coun-

steam derived from the boilers of the Water Company.

Subsequently, in 1893, the two corporations were consolidated into the present Anderson Water, Light & Power Company, and a new and broader charter obtained, under which the Company is authorized to own, construct and operate Water Works, Electric Lights, Heat and Railway and Power Plants. From the inception of these enterprises, Mr. W. C. Whitner, who has been their Engineer and General Manager, believed that the day was not distant when the then unsolved problem of the long distance transmission of electric energy would be fully and commercially solved—and under this conviction he has from time to time purchased various parcels of land on Seneca River at Portman Shoals, until now the Company own both sides of the River, embracing the whole of that magnificent water power. The development of this Power would, however, require the expenditure of large sums of money, and to become profitable, must have a market for the power thus developed. Neither contingency was then in sight, but the work of the Water and Light Company was then of sufficient consequence to warrant the experiment of long distance transmission if a power of the suitable size and cheapness could be found. This was found at High Shoals on Rocky River, six miles distance from the city. A lease of that property with an option to purchase it was effected with the owners, the capital stock of the Company was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and the work of installing a small power plant of 150-horse-power capacity begun



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cil also entered into a contract with Messrs. Roddey & Whitner, the contractors who were building the Water Works, for furnishing Electric Lights for lighting our streets. Under this contract the Anderson Electric Light & Power Company was formed and an Electric Light Plant was built. The apparatus used was of the single phase alternating current type, and the public lighting was effected by means of incandescent lamps. This Plant was located in the building of the Water Supply Company, and was driven by

system, and all done from one generating machine and circuit. The electrical apparatus was built especially for this plant by the Stanley Electric Light Co., of Pittsfield, Mass., is of the two-phase alternating type, and has given the purchasers the utmost satisfaction.

In the spring of the present year the Anderson Cotton Mill determined to double its present plant, and being convinced of the advantage in using electric power for driving its Mill, offered the Company a contract for